



State of California  The Resources Agency
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
OFFICE OF SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE



Oil Spill Reporting Procedures

- ◆ Anyone who spills oil in or near State waters is required by law to report it. (And we appreciate those who merely *witness* spills to report them, too!)
- ◆ **Report marine spills by calling these State *and* federal phone numbers:**

West Coast Oil Spill hot-line	800-OILS-911, or
Department of Fish and Game CalTIP	888-DFG-CALTip
(Californians Turn In Poachers & Polluters)	(888-334-2258), and
U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center	800-424-8802

It is not necessary to report inland spills, *not* affecting marine waters, to the Coast Guard.
- ◆ Reports may be made by telephone to either the California Office of Emergency Services (OES) at **800-OILS-911** or **800-852-7550**. Please report spills **as quickly as possible**, since rapid response helps to lessen the damage caused by spilled oil.
- **OSPR requests the following basic information from a reporting caller:**
 - a. Name and telephone number of caller;
 - b. **Where** did you see the spill?
 - c. **What** do you think was spilled (oil, gas, diesel, etc.)?
 - d. Can you estimate the **size** of the spill?
 - e. The **date & time** you saw this spill? (PLEASE report on the same day.)
 - f. Did you see any **oiled or threatened wildlife**?
 - g. Do you have any information or thoughts about **who** spilled the material?
 - h. What, if any, **activity** did you observe at the spill site?
- **1-800-OILS-911** can be accessed by land-line telephone, cellular phone, or by a marine operator in California, Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. All calls to this number are automatically routed to the appropriate state or provincial emergency dispatch services, depending upon the area code in which the call is made. Any call that is placed from a California area code goes directly to California's OES.
- All **CalTIP** (Californians Turn in Poachers/Polluters) calls are automatically routed to the 24-hour DFG-OSPR Dispatch Center (888-334-2258).